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Before calculating the filing fee for the present application, please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A delivery vehicle comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1 and/or the polypeptide according to Claim 7, which optionally is in the form of a suspension.

14. (Amended) A method for the treatment of orofacial clefting comprising administering to a patient suffering from orofacial clefting the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1 and/or polypeptide of Claim 7.

15. (Amended) A method for the treatment of wounds and/or tissue repair comprising administering to a patient suffering from a wound and/or tissue damage the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1 and/or the polypeptide of Claim 7.